



Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Board Meeting

11209 Metric Blvd., Building H – Lone Star Conference Room

Austin, Texas 78757

Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott W. Fisher, Board Chairman

The Honorable Carol Bush

The Honorable John Brieden

The Honorable Becky Gregory

Chief Melissa Weiss

Chief Scott Matthew

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. MaryLou Mendoza

Mr. Joseph Brown

Participating via video-conference from remote locations:

The Honorable Laura Parker (Ayres Halfway House – San Antonio)

Dr. Rene Olvera (Ayres Halfway House – San Antonio)

The Honorable Jimmy Smith (Midland County Commissioners Court)

Chief Jane King (Ron Jackson – Brownwood)

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Brooke, Interim Executive Director

Chelsea Buchholtz, General Counsel

Elaine Mays, Chief Information & Technology Officer

Lisa Capers, Senior Director of Administration & Training

Jim Hurley, Communications Manager

Dr. Rajendra Parikh, Medical Director

Teresa Stroud, Senior Director of State Programs & Facilities

James Williams, Senior Director of Probation & Community Services

Roland Luna, Chief Inspector General

Eleazar Garcia, Chief Internal Auditor

Royce Myers, Human Resource Director

Amy Lopez, Superintendent of Education

Jeannette Cantu, Executive Assistant

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT:

Kati Kiefer, TJJD

Ben Bellomy, TJJD

Kevin DuBose, TJJD

Brady Vaughn, House Approp.

Camilla Cannon, TJJD

Jeannette Lepe, TJJD

Kevin Niemeyer, LBB

David Reilly, Bexar Co.

(Participating via video
conference at Ayres Halfway
House)

Debbie Unruh, OIO

Fred Meinke, TJJD

Jennifer Carreon, TCJC

Call to Order

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

This meeting is an open meeting that has been posted with the proper notice in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Board members are joining via videoconference from several locations around the state.

Present at the TJJD Austin headquarters are Board Members:

- Chairman Fisher
- Judge John Brieden
- Judge Becky Gregory
- Chief Scott Matthew
- Calvin Stephens
- Judge Carol Bush
- Chief Melissa Weiss

Chief Jane King is in Brownwood at the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex.

Commissioner Jimmy Smith is at the Midland County Commissioners Office.

Judge Laura Parker and Dr. Rene Olvera are at Ayres House in San Antonio.

Chairman Fisher reported here in Austin, at the posted location, the video and audio are made available to the public in attendance today. The meeting was also recorded and will be made available to the public upon request. The law requires each speaker to identify ourselves each time we speak. Chairman Fisher called roll and each member present responded to their name as it was called.

Prayer

Ms. Camilla Cannon, TJJD Internal Auditor, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding excused absences

Judge Bush moved to approve the absence of Ms. Mendoza. Ms. Weiss seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Brown had not yet arrived but Chairman Fisher said he would make a note of when Mr. Brown arrives at the Gainesville location.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chairman Fisher announced the purpose of the meeting was to consider the possible appointment of a new Interim Executive Director and said that any vote would be conducted in open session.

Chairman Fisher recessed open session. The Board reconvened in closed session at 9:15 a.m.

Closed Session – Executive Session

- a) **§551.071 consultation with legal counsel**
- b) **§551.074 discussion of personnel matters relating to the possible selection of David Riley as Interim Executive Director**

Chairman Fisher reconvened in open session at 9:44 a.m. and advised no action was taken in Executive Session.

Discussion, consideration, and possible acceptance of the resignation of Interim Executive Director Linda Brooke

Chairman Fisher read Ms. Brooke's resignation. Mr. Stephens moved to accept the resignation of Interim Executive Director Linda Brooke effective April 12, 2014. Mr. Matthew seconded. Judge Brieden voted against. The motion passed.

Discussion, consideration, and possible approval relating to the selection of David Reilly as Interim Executive Director

Judge Bush moved to designate David Reilly, as the Interim Executive Director of TJJD with all powers necessary to administer the Department, on executive loan from Bexar County. The appointment is effective May 12, 2014 and is contingent on the successful execution of an agreement with the Bexar County Juvenile Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Ms. King seconded. For clarification, Chairman Fisher stated Mr. Reilly is on loan and will continue to receive his employment compensation from Bexar County however he will be reimbursed for his travel expenses from TJJD. The motion passed.

Because Mr. Brown was not able to attend the meeting, Mr. Matthew moved to approve the absence of Mr. Brown. Ms. Weiss seconded. The motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.